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SUBJECT: WESTINGHOUSE INQUIRY RE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFOR-
MATION WITH CZECHS ON URANIUM MINING

1. PLEASE INFORM FORMER AMBASSADOR PORTER AT WESTINGHOUSE
(TEL: 833-5040) THAT LETTER BEING FORWARDED MARCH 8 IN
RESPONSE TO WESTINGHOUSE'S (J. HALEY) REQUEST FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE
IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH CZECHS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF
TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION OF URANIUM BY IN SITU LEACHING
PROCESS, ALSO KNOWN AS SOLUTION MINING.

2. FYI: WE CAN NOT FIND WHERE BUCK STOPS ON THIS ONE WITHIN
CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT. MANY PHONE CALLS AND A LETTER TO
RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES HAVE AS YET FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.
FRANKLY, WESTINGHOUSE APPEARS TO US A BIT FAR-FETCHED IN ITS
ASSUMPTION THAT CZECHS WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO THEM ON THIS
TOPIC -- AN AREA OVER WHICH USSR HAS MAINTAINED EFFECTIVE
CONTROL FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. OUR LETTER WILL MAKE THIS CLEAR,
BUT WE WILL KEEP TRYING TO ARRANGE MEETING WESTINGHOUSE HAS
REQUESTED.
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